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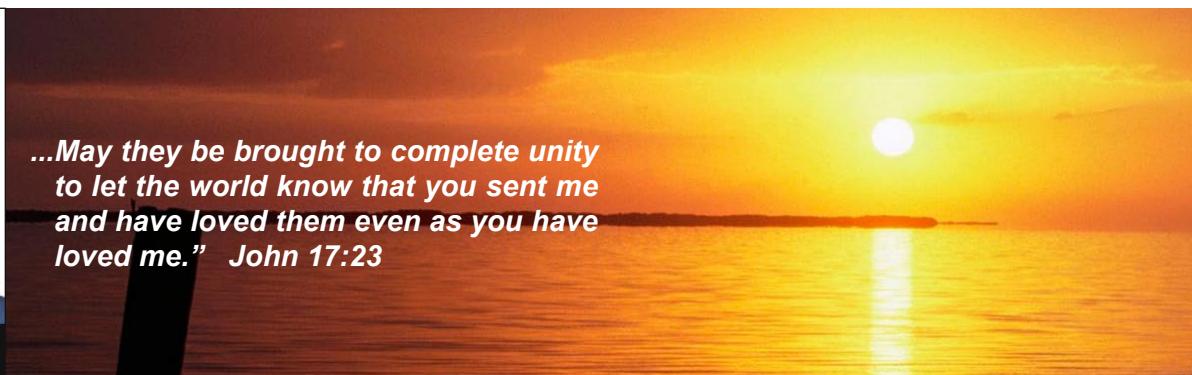
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Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

...May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23



1) On our unity in Christ...

We've seen what a challenge it was for the early church to stay unified as we've been looking at the book of Acts in this Easter season--the tension between the Jews and Greeks, the tension between Paul and Peter, Paul and the Jerusalem council, Paul and Barnabas. Yet the Holy Spirit holds them together through prayer. In this verse, Jesus prays for the unity of his followers, the future church. As loyal as his followers were to him, he knew that they could easily be divided by ego and envy and hurt feelings. But he also knew that they could accomplish much more as the body of Christ, than they could as just a collection of individuals. How true!

2) On our Confirmation Sunday...

What a wonderful weekend of worship we had as we affirmed the baptism of 17 eighth graders. Many thanks to Nanette, our

Director of Christian Education, and all of her education helpers and teachers for their hard work! We had a great day and everything was well organized. It's always an inspiration to hear the faith expressed by these young people.

3) On staff additions and transitions...

A big thank you to Mandy Wormke and her Nursery Task Force in reviewing the needs of our nursery ministry! We will miss Mandy's leadership as Nursery Coordinator as she seeks to move on to other ministry activities in our church. Although it will be hard to replace Mandy, we hope to have a **new Nursery Coordinator** on board by July 1. If interested, please contact Mandy or the church office.

Regarding our new **Parish Associate** position...our Hiring Committee is busy reviewing resumes and we are pleased to have nine applicants thus far. For questions, please contact **Tracy Rothe** who is chairing this committee or members Federico Ruiz, Hanorah Anderson, Jill Krantz, or myself. We hope to have this position filled by August or September. We appreciate your prayers.

4) "Remembering the Sabbath" this summer...

Please don't take the summer off from church—join us for worship and Sunday school! Nanette has worked hard on her "Summer of Gifts" theme which is back by "popular demand" for our Summer Sunday School. Make it a priority to grow with us this summer. Kris and the Youth Committee have lots of youth activities on the calendar, and we have an exciting summer of worship planned while our worship teams continue their rotation of worship leadership.

Most of all, don't forget to worship as you vacation. I suspect that nothing makes a bigger impression on our kids than what we do with our Sundays when we don't have to be there--such as when we don't have choir or Sunday school or Sunday Servant responsibilities. One of the things I really enjoy when I have a Sunday off is worshiping at other churches. Perhaps God will give you some great ideas to bring back home to us!

5) On our Turkey trip...

You've already heard some stories in sermons and children's sermons and we hope you'll join us as we tell more during Sunday School on June 24. Additionally Nanette plans to have "Paul's Missionary Journeys" as a theme for our Fall Sunday School program and we hope to have "John's Letters to the Seven Churches" as our theme for Lent next spring. Truly the bible comes alive when you stand where the Apostle Paul and Saint John and the early church lived out their faith.

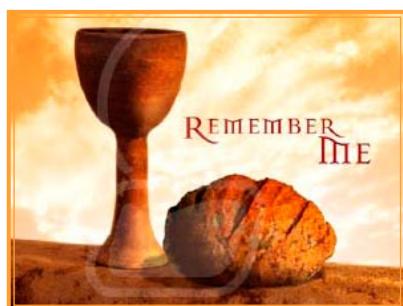
Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Dan



Altar Care Ministry

Communion Help

We need a few good souls to clean up after communion following the 11 a.m. service on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Most folks who do this service choose to always do it the same Sunday of the month, though that is not absolutely necessary. When our regulars need a substitute, we're always happy to find one. We also need people who are willing to set up and clean up for the 8:15 a.m. service *and* for the 11 a.m. service whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. If this appeals to you, if you feel called, if you have questions, please call Chris Goble at 303-834-8121.



Flowers for the Altar

When you sign up to provide flowers for worship, remember that the cost is \$35. You may place your payment in the offering, plate, mail it in, or leave it in the church office. Be sure to write "Altar Flowers" in the memo portion of your check. You can take the flowers home after the 11 a.m. service if you like.

The florist credits us for any vases that are returned, so if you'd like to recycle your vases, bring them to church and set them on the counter in the sacristy. Phyllis Holst takes them back to the florist for us. By the way, if you have old florist vases at home, our florist is happy to take any florist vases, whether they came with FCLC altar flowers or not, and they credit us appropriately.

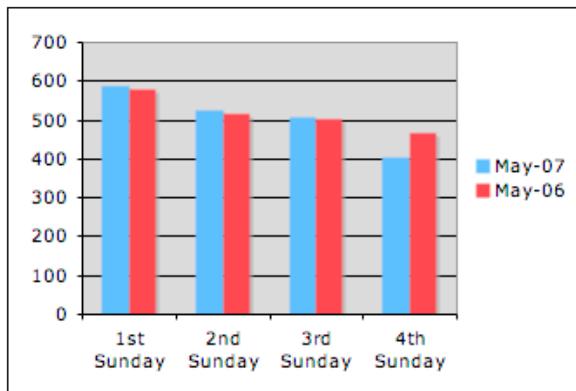
Blessings,
Chris Goble

Attendance

May-07 May-06

	May-07	May-06
1st Sunday	589	581
2nd Sunday	526	518
3rd Sunday	508	503
4th Sunday	403	468

Worship Attendance





by Pastor Bruce Welander

It is hard for me to believe that, as of this month, I have been at Faith Community four years. In 2003, I agreed to fill in for Pastor Dan while he was on sabbatical in June, July and August. I looked forward to what promised to be an interesting and pleasant three months. Now, four years later.... I'm glad that, four years later, I am still here.

Faith Community Lutheran Church is a wonderful place to be, any time of year. But let me tell you what I now particularly look forward to as I begin my fifth summer here.

First, worship, as always, is at the heart of things. A particularly delightful summer custom at Faith Community is our 8:15 a.m. outdoor service. We have a great location for this, and it's an enjoyable change of pace as we experience the beauty of a Colorado morning while praising God and hearing his word. Also, keep in mind that one of the main reasons why we have a Saturday evening service is to make worship possible for people who will be gone all day Sunday. With that, plus our 11 a.m. Sunday service in the air-conditioned comfort of our beautiful Sanctuary, delightful opportunities for worship continue to abound.

Also, again this summer I look forward to a really fresh, exciting and innovative series of sessions during our education hour (Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.). For the second year now, our "Summer of Gifts" will feature a great variety of course offerings from a number of our members. What an array of topics! I've just been reading the catalog of courses, and I've come to the conclusion that we are perhaps the only church in the country where there will be opportunities this summer – just to sample a few sessions at random – to overcome one's fear of flying, deal with children who are picky eaters, learn French or Spanish, collect and eat bugs, laugh with Christian comedians, join an old-fashioned hymn sing, learn to share one's faith more effectively, knit, clown, drink coffee (in a Sunday School session called "Starbucks"?) and on and on.

Honestly, what I have mentioned is purely at random. I have just let my eyes fall on the first things I see in several pages of the catalog. There is much, much more.

Compared to all of those exciting things, my own involvement will be pretty straight-laced this summer, but I think it will provide something of a theological rationale for the rest of our summer opportunities. A few months ago, I began a course on key Lutheran teachings that I call "Here We Stand: What Lutherans Believe and Why." This summer I will be teaching just five sessions of that course, but in those five sessions we will be discovering the difference the Protestant Reformation made in seeing with new, more Biblical eyes, matters like the "callings" and "gifts" and even "priesthood" of all believers in Christ.

Thanks to the moving of the Holy Spirit in the Reformation, we can look with new eyes at our daily life and work, and what it means to have gifts and even to function as "priests"...every one of us! So if you are interested in a Lutheran theology of daily life, you might find it helpful to spend a few summer hours in looking at what Martin Luther and other Reformers have uncovered.

Also... a number of people have asked about the recent trip to Turkey that 26 of us took in April. One of the Summer Sunday School classes – namely on June 24 – will focus on this. Several people who made the pilgrimage will be there to explain and show pictures. It should be fun.

Whatever your plans this summer, may God give you many experiences of rest, renewal and re-creation. It's a wonderful time of year.... and a great time for worship and Christian growth.

Blessings, in Christ,

Pastor Bruce Welander

Attention All Women!

The Women of Faith Conference for 2007 will be held **September 21-22 at the Pepsi Center** in Denver. The theme this year is "Amazing Freedom." We had such a blast last year. I wanted to ensure that you make room for this on your fall calendar! Along with veteran speakers like Luci Swindoll, Patsy Clairmont and Marilyn Meberg, special guests will include Allison Allen, Carol Kent and singing sensation Nicole C. Mullen! There will also be a Pre-Conference day with Beth Moore. How could you ask for anything more!!

I am looking at registering us soon to get the best seating possible. I need to know how many are willing to make this journey with me. Those interested in staying in Denver on Friday night, the 21st, will also need to give me a "heads-up" as I will work on hotel reservations.



You can go online to www.womenoffaith.com to get the details.

Please email Diane Sell at diane@fclc.org to express interest by June 30th (or sooner!). Look for more "blurbs" in the bulletin and newsletters to come!



June Wedding Anniversaries

June 2

- Al & Linda Parker – 39 yrs
- Larry & Kathleen Cirbo – 17 yrs
- Brian & Amy Miller – 6 yrs

June 3

- Mark & Sally Beckner – 29 yrs

June 5

- Tracy & Marci Rothe – 14 yrs

June 6

- Mike & Alicia Stover – 9 yrs

June 7

- Pete & Sandy Seale – 38 yrs
- Don & Carmela Endres – 21 yrs

June 8

- Roger & Cookie Olsen – 44 yrs
- Miles & Arla Olson – 50 yrs

June 10

- Bob & Linda Thoman – 47 yrs

June 11

- Peter & Carol Marks – 30 yrs
- Mike & Stephanie Brockman – 24 yrs

June 12

- Otto & Karen Longhenry – 37 yrs

June 13

- David & Antoinette Enders – 25 yrs

June 15

- Jason & Lori Olson – 6 yrs

June 17

- Don & Barb Borton – 7 yrs

June 18

- Warner & Dee Lien – 52 yrs
- Rod & Chris Desizlets – 2 yrs
- Gordon & Donna Wallace – 42 yrs

June 19

- Nick & Holly Lehnert – 31 yrs
- Shawn & Mandy Wormke – 14 yrs

June 20

- Larry & Mary Konicek – 26 yrs
- Tony & Teri Hassa – 25 yrs
- Mark & Jane Cousins – 15 yrs

June 21

- David & Diane Sell – 21 yrs
- Ben & Stephanie Mason – 4 yrs

June 22

- Charles & Gail Cullian – 11 yrs
- Ken & Hilde Lowry – 5 yrs

June 24

- Robert & Sharon Kaiser – 35 yrs

June 25

- Robert & Kirsten Simpson – 24 yrs
- Kevin & Darcie Ell – 14 yrs

June 26

- Ewald & Kathe Schelert – 42 yrs

June 27

- Don & LuAnne Janssen – 43 yrs

June 28

- Bill & Dianne Prout – 38 yrs

June 30

- Joel & Joan Schell – 46 yrs
- Sililo & Jill Woo Ching – 23 yrs
- Scott & Erika Snyder – 6 yrs

FCLC Christian Education News

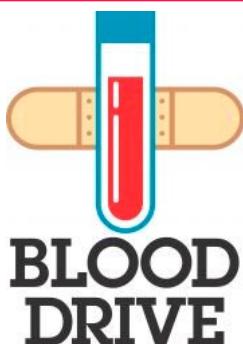
Summer of Gifts-Summer Sunday School for all ages!

Beginning Sunday, June 3, classes on various topics and interests will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.), taught by members of FCLC. (What an amazing, let me repeat. . .AMAZING variety of classes will be offered!) Each week classes for all ages will begin with a prayer and theme-related Bible reading. Check the bulletin board in the narthex for room numbers and courses offered each week. Even if you didn't register ahead, don't let that stop you—we'd love to have you join in!



THE KNEE-SITTERS' CLUB **begins June 5!**

Imagine Jesus surrounded by children. Imagine Jesus inviting the children to sit on his knee. Imagine becoming a member of Faith Community Lutheran Church's "Knee-Sitters' Club" and listening to stories about Jesus. Beginning June 5, (9-9:45 a.m.) and each Tuesday morning throughout the summer, children ages 3-8, are invited to come to this Christian story hour which will also include crafts, snacks and/or games as extensions of Jesus' Bible stories. Checking out a book from the church library will also be included.



BONFILS BLOOD CENTER

at Faith Community Lutheran!

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be coordinating a BLOOD DRIVE with the Bonfils Blood Center on Sunday, June 24, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you are interested in registering to donate blood, please contact Mary Konicek, 303-772-0010.

Buy your GROCERY CERTIFICATES in June and support Christian Education!

For every \$10 in grocery certificates purchased, you will receive a BIBLE BUCK!
Check the bulletin for the Bible Bucks Store date in July!

GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education:

Nanette Goings nanette@fclc.org

Education Chairperson:

Rhea Hoops hoopsrd@msn.com





Good News Clues Vacation Bible School is coming!

July 16, 17 and 18, 9-11:30 am

Get ready for mystery and adventure! Search for clues in the familiar setting of a home and learn about being a member of God's family and how to be a disciple for Jesus. VBS is for Preschool-5th graders. **Register on the downstairs Education bulletin board beginning June 17!**

The **ONE and ONLY VBS planning meeting** is Monday, June 11, 7 pm. We welcome adult and teen help! See you there!

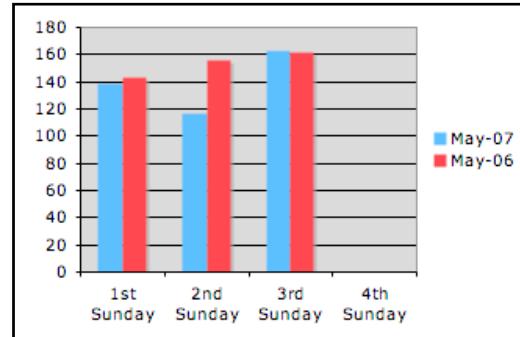
Dates to Remember

June 3		FCLC Library Summer Reading program begins!
June 3	9:45 a.m.	Summer of Gifts Summer School for all ages begins!
June 3	6-7:30 p.m.	P.O.T.s (Parents of Teens) Bible Study
June 4	7 p.m.	Health and Wellness Ministry meeting
June 5	9-9:45 a.m.	Knee-Sitters' Club begins!
June 9	7 p.m.	"Great Dates" Couples' Bible Study is going on a date! Watch the movie, Thr3e at the Stover's home. Bring movie munchies!
June 11	7 p.m.	VBS Planning meeting
June 24	8:30 a.m.-12:30p.m.	Bonfils' Blood Drive (Register now!)
June 25	7-8:30 p.m.	Weavers of the Cloth (Devotions & Crafts)
June 30	10 a.m.	Baptism Coloring Book Project-Planning Meeting

Attendance

Sunday School Attendance

	May-07	May-06
1st Sunday	139	143
2nd Sunday	117	156
3rd Sunday	163	161
4th Sunday	No SS	No SS



Outreach News

Outreach Focus for June

The month of June is designated to bring awareness to the town of Holly, Colorado.

Holly is a town in Prowers County, Colorado with a population of 1,048 residents (based on 2000 census). It is the easternmost town in the state, just two miles from the Kansas border. On March 28, 2007, this small town was hit by a violent and deadly tornado with winds over 140mph. This devastating storm took the lives of 29-year-old Rosemary Rosales (died on March 29) and 78-year-old Delores Burns (died on April 26). It also killed many livestock. Roughly one third of the homes in Holly were damaged by the tornado, with 48 of these homes being destroyed and deemed uninhabitable. The town is now in the process of rebuilding.

To support our fellow Coloradans, Faith Community Lutheran Church will be giving money to help in their rebuilding efforts. FCLC Outreach Committee has designated funds to be used to help repair Holly's only city park in the center of town. Gateway Park sustained heavy damage to its playground equipment, shelter and fences as well as destroying many old trees in the park. A more detailed story about the needs of the park can be found at: http://cbs4denver.com/payit4ward/local_story_116233419.html.

The Town of Holly also has its own website: www.townofholly.com/tornado_volunteers.html. If you're interested in donating directly to the repair of Holly's Gateway Park, you can send a check to: **Town of Holly, P.O. Box 548, Holly, CO 81047**. Be sure to specify "Tornado Relief Fund – Gateway Park Repair".



Life Choices "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign

As Father's Day approaches on June 17, the "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign is nearing an end. *Please be sure to pick up a baby bottle from the "Outreach Corner" SOON and return it to FCLC Main Office.* Contact Thelma MacDonald (thelmac39@aol.com) with any questions.



Upcoming Local Outreach Projects

Mark your calendars. We need your help as these projects aren't successful without you! We need six-eight adult volunteers to serve lunch at the OUR Center. We also need 20+ volunteers to pre-make meals and serve them for the workers at Habitat for Humanity. If you're interested in helping with these, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)



Saturday, June 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Serving Lunch at the OUR Center

The OUR Center is located near Third and Main Streets in Longmont. This organization serves a free lunch 365 days a year to those in need. FCLC will be serving lunch to anywhere between 100-200 people. Website: www.ourcenter.org

Habitat for Humanity®

Saturday, June 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Serving Lunch for Habitat for Humanity

The current worksite is located at 1331 and 1334 Carriage Street in Quail Ridge Subdivision (near Museum and Rec. Center). FCLC will be providing lunch to approximately 40 volunteer workers at the site. Website: www.stvrainhfh.org

June Birthdays!

**June 1****Matt Hansen****Levi Wolfe****Jeffrey Meier****Katrin Sharpe****June 2****Kathi Jo Walder****Nicole Marshall****Jordan Lind****Abigail Spiegel****June 4****Diane Broestl****Pam Knipscheer****Chelsea Uhlry****Alexa Rinard****June 5****Brianna Ney****June 6****Mark Freeman (v)****Ariana Brents****June 7****Cookie Olsen****Matt Brents****Jill Brown****June 8****Gary Dick****Sherry Chaney****Christopher Danos****Brittany Boos****Kjell Bennett****June 9****Karen Longhenry****Rob Baas (v)****June 10****Harvey Nelson****Bethany Praska****June 11****Sam Enders****Taylor Goldfarb****June 12****Dale Jurgensmeyer****Cathi Brents****Kole Webb****June 14****Donna Wallace****Mark Chowning****Maria O'Brien****Michel Olson****Brienna Courtmanche****June 15****Tom Buckett****Steven Lovell****Olivia Storaci****June 16****Stephanie Demosthenes****Bryce Goertz****June 17****Tracy Rothe****Natalie Boggess****June 18****Gary Smith****Mike Major****Christopher Schroeder****Morgan Lastrup****June 19****Larry Vinaske****Kyle Mesch****June 20****Abigail Lerum****June 21****Mari Stoll****Michael Wacha****Alex Hovick****June 22****Larry Palm****Brock Riemenschneider****Kendall Lind****Lincoln Ell****June 23****Melanie Patterson****Eric Jurgensmeyer****June 24****Ty Cito****Stacie Sharp****Bre JoHann (v)****Sammy Schaff****June 25****Rod Desizlets****Kayla Vece****Tara Jurgensmeyer****Abigail Birdsall****June 26****Carmela Endres****Howard Nicoll****Hunter Storaci****Camille Kleiman****June 27****Marilyn Stolpe****Terri Musser****David Lerum****June 28****Carl Schaaf****Jim Birdsall****Hannah Lerum****June 29****Katy Noble****June 30****Malanie Roth****Meghan Ashmore**

Fellowship News...

Summer Church Picnic - Mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, August 26, and come join us at Hover Park for another outstanding picnic. **What kind of fun do you want to have at this picnic? That's up to you! Come Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. to church for our picnic planning meeting.** At Hover Park there are two tennis courts, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and a large soccer/football/ultimate Frisbee playing field. If you'd be willing to organize a game or tournament on one of these playing surfaces, please email sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or wkrcae@msn.com. There are also shade trees to sit under, a playground for kids, and a canal with crawdads (always a hit with the kids). We hope to have some organized kids' games as well and good ol' fashioned picnic fun!

Pictorial Directory - Thanks to all who gave of their time to come and be photographed for our pictorial directory! We had over 200 families participate and



have several others who submitted photos. We hope to have the directories in your hands near the end of the summer.

Fellowship Happenings on the Horizon...

May thru August**June 5****Friday night coed softball****Boulder Dinner Theater - Sound of Music****August 26****October 12****November 3****September or January****Church Picnic****Dance****Box social****Progressive dinner**



LIBRARY NOTES:

WANTED

FAITH CIRCUIT READERS

DATES NEEDED: June 3 – August 7, 2007

AGES: 3 – 103

APPLY AT FCLC LIBRARY: Sunday, June 3

Meet the circuit riders: Courageous, persevering, spreading the message “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,” they went through storms, climbed mountains, plunged through swamps and streams, lay out all night, wet, weary and hungry with saddle bags for a pillow ... and earned \$15 dollars a year. Learn more about them and their adventures this summer.

Turn pages to earn points that benefit other horses: The *Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center* helps promote the physical, psychological and social well-being of persons with disabilities as they interact with a therapeutic team consisting of a horse, an instructor and/or a therapist, and volunteers.

Every page the Faith Circuit Readers read this summer will count as points to earn needed supplies for the Riding Center. You may see salt blocks and other horsy needs accumulating as the total pages go higher and higher.

As your reading list gets longer, you will earn Circuit Reader prizes to add to your summer fun. A special treat awaits the outstanding readers at the end of the adventure. SADDLE UP AND SEE HOW FAR YOU RIDE!!

ALL AGES MAY BECOME CIRCUIT READERS. [Not-yet-readers can earn credits for no more than three books per week that are read to them by Mom or Dad. Board books – BB classification – do not count toward prizes or page credits.]

TO GET STARTED: Choose your **horse** (picture) at the library desk. Color it, name your horse, add your name and return the picture to the librarian when you come to church the next time.

Ask the librarian for your **saddle bags** (a reading list on which you will write the title of each book you read ... very important for prizes.) Check out a book or two from the **FCLC Library** that you would like to read. Only books checked out after June 3 can be credited for prizes.

After you read a book, return it to the library and chose another ... and another ... and...

PRIZES TO EARN

Return the 1st book you read: Choose your favorite horse bookmark.

Read and return 5 books: Receive a western bandanna.

Read and return 10 books! Receive a mystery prize!

Read and return 15 books or more: Receive 15 Bible bucks (the yearly salary of a circuit rider in early 1800s!) plus your contract as an official Faith Circuit Reader.

A SURPRISE TREAT AWAITS A FEW OUTSTANDING CIRCUIT READERS.

Read, learn and enjoy a circuit reading summer. Watch the page count grow on the tree on the library wall and the horses multiply on the wall circuit map.

FCLC Library is open at all times the church is open and is self-serve. We depend on our users to help us maintain careful records of borrowed items. To borrow a book or video, sign your name and phone number on the card in the book pocket and drop it in the checkout box on the desk or narthex bin.

Books may be kept for one month; videos for one week.

Return borrowed items to Room 227.

All about Administration

from Susan Moller
Director of Business Administration



by Susan Moller

About.....FCLC Finances

Currently our general giving is approximately 87% of our budget. Last year at this time it was 91% of the budget. When giving is less than budget, our ministries must spend less than they proposed for their 2007 budgets. FCLC has always been and continues to be very blessed financially. As we approach summer, please remember your offerings. One method which many people like is the **Simply Giving** program. This allows FCLC to receive your offerings electronically, including when you are on summer vacation! If you would like to know more about this program, please call me.

About..... Donations through your credit card

In addition to Simply Giving, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also sponsors a credit card giving program. If you would like to make your contributions with your credit card on a recurring basis, this is the program for you. Let me know if you are interested in signing up for this program or if you have any questions about it.

About.....Another Update on Our New Education Wing Project

Below is another update on where we are at on paying for our new education wing. Our goal is to have the loan on this project paid off by December 2007.

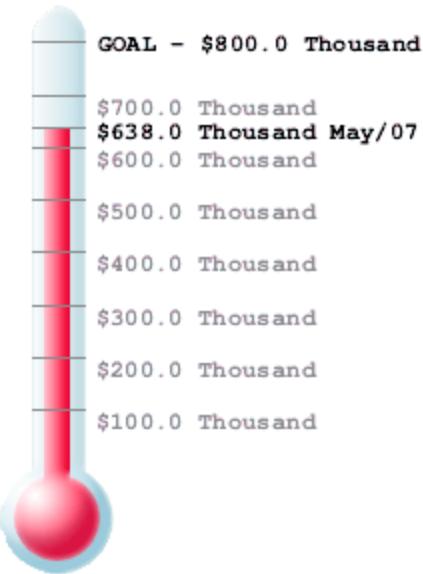
TOTAL Project Cost is **\$800,000**

Project began **January 2005**

\$638,445 has been paid through

May 2007

Blessings,
Susan
Church office 303-776-8771
susan@fclc.org

**FCLC FINANCES**

As of 4/23/07:

General Offering YTD	\$ 184,255
Budget YTD	\$ 223,121
Expenses YTD	\$(184,859)
New Building Giving YTD	\$ 35,120

God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

Catch the Spirit!

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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Stephen Ministry... welcomes Stephanie Mason as a new Stephen Leader. Stephanie was commissioned as a Stephen Minister at Faith in February 2005. She went to Corpus Christi, TX, a couple of months ago for a week of intensive Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. We commissioned Stephanie as a Stephen Leader for our church on March 11, 2007. Stephanie has been employed by non-profit agencies and is currently employed by Group Publishing in Loveland. We welcome Stephanie's enthusiasm and leadership.

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one, confidential, Christian care-giving ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from having a Christian friend to walk with them while going through difficult times, please let us know.

Julie Baas, Stephen Ministry Leader

Pastoral Care

What does it take to become a Stephen Minister (and what you receive in return)?

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure or talked to the pastor about it. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. You're wondering: Is this right for me? Following are some guidelines that might help you in your decision-making.

Gifts

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

Commitment

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

Training

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of care-giving. After completing the initial training, there is continuing education. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, and work and with friends.

Dedicated Service

A Stephen Minister serves wholeheartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from his or her care receiver, our Stephen Leaders, the congregation, and our Lord.

Accountability

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen Leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision.

Continuous Learning

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her care-giving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about care-giving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting soon. The Holy Spirit may be calling you to the joy, commitment, growth, meaning, training, service, and care of being a Stephen Minister. Pray for God's guidance as you consider this opportunity.

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Stephanie Mason
Pastoral Care Chairperson & Assistant Stephen Ministry Leader

WORSHIP TEAM CORNER

For the summer months, we are doing something new! Our worship teams will be combining. Our LOF Youth Worship Team, which is usually scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, will merge with our adult teams! We are very excited about this change! Come September though, our LOF will return to their first Sunday of the month slot! The change is due to the number of folks coming and going during the summer months.

The bluegrass group **by His mark** will be leading our worship services August 4 and 5. So mark your calendar now. On Sunday, August 5, during education hour, they will be holding a "jam session" in the sanctuary for all those who want to come and sing along.

Thank you to all of those who have signed up for special music this summer. Our worship will indeed be enhanced by your gifts of music.

If you are out and about this summer and find yourself worshipping at another church, please bring me back the bulletin so we can see what is going on out in the world! If you hear a song that you like and you think would be great for FCLC, grab their music director and get a copy of the music.

Many thanks and many blessings,
Diane Sell
Director of Worship Teams



by Diane Sell



Mission Verse

God's Spirit is on me:
He chose me to preach the
Message of Good News to the
poor, Sent me to announce
pardon of prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and
battered free, to announce,
"This is God's year to act!"

Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

To "Reach Out in Love" as a church that is:

- * Bible-centered
- * Prayer-centered
- * Worship-centered with blended styles of music
- * Kid-Friendly
- * Visitor-Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood of Believers
- * A Model of "First Fruits Giving" (to various outreach projects)

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